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**The Compassion of Jesus Christ**

Mark 7:31-37

**Key Truth:** Compassion and love was at the forefront of Jesus ministry on earth.

**Unpacking The Story:** Mark 7:31-37/Isaiah 35:4-6

1. Jesus is after our hearts because that more than anything

 else, is what needs to be changed.

**Miracles In The Gospels:**

1. Jesus’ healings are not one size fits all.

2. Jesus operates differently than we sometimes expect.

3. There is no hidden recipe to receiving a miracle from Jesus.

4. Jesus’ healing ministry was a demonstration of His power and

 prophetic ministry.

5. Jesus can heal our spiritual deafness and muteness through

 His work of salvation on the cross. 1 Peter 2:24-25

 A. Our ears first need to be open to the gospel.

 B. We must proclaim the goodness and love of Jesus Christ to

 others.

 C. Christianity is not relief from a hard life but entrance into a

 loving relationship with God.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Trust Jesus to heal you but thank God for salvation that He has already purchased for us. Ask God to open your eyes to a better understanding of who Jesus is and what He has done for us and our world.

**Food For Thought**

The following passages paint a picture of the kind of person Jesus is, and what He promises to provide for those who seek Him. Jot down what stands out to you in each passage and how it relates to what it means to seek Him.

Matthew 11:28-30

John 11:25-26

John 14:1-4

John 14:15-27

Read Mark 7:31-35: Discuss the specific actions Jesus took in restoring hearing and speaking to this man.

What is significant about Jesus’ approach? What about the man’s condition moved Jesus to respond this way?

Read Mark 7:36-37.

Jesus commanded the people to keep this healing a secret. How did the people respond? What does this tell us about their perception of Jesus and His reputation at that time?

What most amazed the crowd about Jesus? Why do you think that was the case?

Read Isaiah 35:4-6. What were the people looking for from the promised Messiah? How did Jesus compare to their expectations at this point in His ministry?